

After his Navy retirement, Captain Dotson continued to support the Navy's mission in the private sector, applying his expertise to a variety of logistical and training projects. In his leisure time, he was an active Rotary Club member and bridge player and helped Katherine with her participation in weekend art festivals. Committed to the value of higher education, Bill took deep satisfaction in supporting the educational goals of his family and helped many earn undergraduate and graduate degrees.

In 2011, Bill and Katherine relocated to North Carolina to be near their family. Bill delighted in the company of his children and six grandchildren.

In addition to his wife, Katherine, he is survived by his sons, Mike, Jeff, Doug and Greg, their loving spouses, Patti, Maura, and Janine, and his grandchildren, Marli, Reed, Dahlia, Skyler, Julian and Bryce.

#### HONORING KELLI MAHER

#### HON. JOHN KATKO

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, February 13, 2018*

Mr. KATKO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the selfless action of my constituent, Kelli Maher, of LaFayette. Kelli is an extraordinary woman, who donated her kidney to child in need.

After learning she was unable to donate a kidney to a friend in need, Kelli Maher decided to volunteer her kidney for someone else. For 8-year-old Cecilia Brown from Ilion, Kelli Maher's transplant was the ultimate Christmas present. For her parents, it was a Christmas miracle. Kelli's compassion saved Cecilia's life.

Research shows that while most New Yorkers support organ donation, only 28 percent of New York's eligible population is enrolled as an organ donor.

I'm proud to honor Kelli today. Her act of kindness made a real difference, and changed a young girl and her family's lives forever.

#### CONGRATULATING DEBBIE WILSON FOR 28 GREAT YEARS AT THE ALVIN SUN

#### HON. PETE OLSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, February 13, 2018*

Mr. OLSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Debbie Wilson on her contribution of 28 years of freelance photography for the Alvin Sun and congratulate her on her retirement.

Debbie is retiring after almost three decades of photographing sports for the Alvin Sun. During her tenure, Debbie traveled around the state to cover Alvin Yellowjacket teams and Manvel Mavericks state title appearances. Her last assignment was the Mavericks' state football championship game in December. Her photos have earned awards from the Texas Community Newspaper and Texas Press Associations, and have played a role in helping the newspaper win numerous awards for their sports coverage. She is a fantastic photog-

rapher and her talent will be missed by both her coworkers and by the teams that she photographed.

On behalf of the Twenty-Second District of Texas, thank you again to Debbie Wilson for 28 years of outstanding work at the Alvin Sun. I wish her good luck in her retirement.

#### RECOGNIZING THE AIR FORCE ENLISTED VILLAGE, CELEBRATING THEIR 50TH ANNIVERSARY

#### HON. MATT GAETZ

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, February 13, 2018*

Mr. GAETZ. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to recognize an organization of true American heroes and patriots.

Over fifty years ago, a survey by military organizations found that over 50,000 widows of retired military members were living in poverty. U.S. Air Force members found this news to be a travesty and decided to do something about it. On January 17, 1968, the Airmen's Widows and Dependents Home Foundation (now Air Force Enlisted Village) was incorporated with the mission to provide senior housing to widows of retired enlisted U.S. Air Force members.

The Air Force Enlisted Village (AFEV) is a nonprofit organization whose core mission is to provide a safe, secure home for surviving spouses of retired enlisted U.S. Airmen. The Air Force Enlisted Village is situated along the beautiful Emerald Coast of northwest Florida in Shalimar near Eglin Air Force Base and Hurlburt Field.

Air Force surviving spouses live at Bob Hope Village or Hawthorn House among peers, where they are able to share memories of military life. All residents of AFEV are treated with the highest level of love and respect.

The Air Force Enlisted Village is one of four official charities of the U.S. Air Force and is an affiliate of the Air Force Assistance Fund campaign that takes place February through May each year at all U.S. Air Force installations. The Air Force Enlisted Village is also one of seven worthy charities of the Air Force Sergeants Association.

Any service member will testify that the support of their spouse was one of the most important contributions during their years of service. Most military spouses are known for their ability to adapt and find happiness wherever their spouses' career took them and their families. The journeys were not always easy or short, but these spouses made a home wherever the military needed and sent them.

The United States Military family is stronger because of these spouses and their dedication and support. It is only fitting that when the time comes, they are provided a loving and worry-free place to call home. For the past fifty years, the Air Force Enlisted Village has been committed to making sure that the widows of service members always have that home.

The mission of The Air Force Enlisted Village is highly revered by our community, which is full of partners who strive to fulfill that mission daily. There is no greater gift than providing basic essentials that may be taken for granted as one ages; a safe home, security, dignity, independence, and camaraderie. The AFEV community gives residents the feeling of being cherished and not forgotten.

I extend my gratitude to all who have served in any capacity with the Air Force Enlisted Village and its honorable mission.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the United States Congress, I am privileged to recognize and celebrate the Air Force Enlisted Village on their 50th Anniversary.

#### JEFFERSON CENTER FOR MENTAL HEALTH

#### HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, February 13, 2018*

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud the Jefferson Center for Mental Health for receiving the 2017 West Chamber of Commerce Nonprofit Business of the Year Award.

The Jefferson Center for Mental Health is a mental health and substance use organization committed to making mental health care accessible to all. Each year, the Jefferson Center helps bring hope for a brighter future to thousands of community members who struggle with mental health and substance abuse disorders, individuals whose daily lives have been disrupted and whose mental health problems contribute to difficulties at work or school, hospitalization, homelessness, or even involvement with the juvenile or criminal justice system.

The Jefferson Center's programs and services serve people of all ages and foster the recovery and resiliency of clients throughout their treatment. Their services include outpatient counseling, 24-hour emergency services, wellness classes, recovery-focused support groups, vocational services, homeless prevention assistance and school-based counseling.

The Jefferson Center provides services at 20 clinic locations and various places in the community such as schools, healthcare offices, nursing homes, community centers and foster homes. Because the Jefferson Center offices are throughout our neighborhoods, the Center staff members are intertwined in the community and provide personal care to the people they treat.

I extend my deepest congratulations to the Jefferson Center for Mental Health for this well-deserved recognition by the West Chamber of Commerce.

#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

#### HON. DIANE BLACK

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, February 13, 2018*

Mrs. BLACK. Mr. Speaker, on Roll Call No. 69 for final passage of H.R. 1892, the Bipartisan Budget Act of 2018, which took place Friday, February 9, 2018, I am not recorded because I was unavoidably detained. Had I been present, I would have voted NO on this bill.